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PREVIOUSLY IN KING SPAWN

The battle with Disruptor comes to a grizzly end. But was this the plan all along? Who are the COURT OF PRIESTS and what is the GODTHRONE?

AFTER A BRUTAL BATTLE
WITH JASON WYNN IN
BOTSWANA, SPAWN HAS
RETURNED BACK TO
THE SHADOWED ALLEYS
OF NEW YORK CITY.

A PLACE, WHERE JUST
MILES AWAY, AL SIMMONS
HAD ENVISIONED SPENDING
THE REST OF HIS LIFE
WITH HIS WIFE WANDA.

INSTEAD, HE FINDS A
PUTRID, STENCH FILLED
CITY CRAWLING WITH
RATS. RATS EMPLOYED
BY JASON WYNN, WHO
WORKS FOR THE
EXODUS FOUNDATION.

THE SECRET BANK
BEHIND THE TERRORIST
GROUP 'PSALMS 137'





BUT ONE THING KEEPS BOTHERING HIM.

WYNN TALKED ABOUT WANDA IN A MANNER THAT SEEMED...TOO COMFORTABLE.





THE WAY HE SPOKE
HER NAME--HE
SOUNDED LIKE SHE
WAS ALREADY BACK.



THIS
FEELS
LIKE A TRAP.
LIKE THEY'RE
EXPECTING
US.

GOOD. THEN
WE'LL WALK RIGHT
IN THEIR FRONT DOOR
AND I'LL TAKE WHAT
I WANT.



WHAT IS
IT YOU WANT?!
I HEARD WHAT WYNN
SAID ABOUT WANDA.
THEY'RE *TAUNTING* YOU!
MAKING YOU THINK
YOU CAN BRING
HER BACK!

I DON'T GIVE
A DAMN WHAT ANY OF YOU
THINK. RIGHT NOW, I'M WONDERING
WHY THEY CHANGED THEIR
NUMBERS TO ELEVEN.

WHAT'S
THAT HAVE
TO DO WITH
WANDA?



MAYBE NOTHING. MAYBE EVERYTHING.

USE YOUR **TRAINING!** THEY DIDN'T CHANGE THAT NUMBER FOR NO REASON.

SO, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO TURN YOUR BACK AND IGNORE ME? **NO!** THAT'S NOT HAPPENING!



I NEED TO KNOW...IS IT TRUE? CAN YOU ACTUALLY BRING HER BACK, LIKE WYNN SAID?



YOU ALREADY SAID IT; THEY'RE TAUNTING US. AND EVEN IF I COULD, I WOULDN'T. NOW, FOCUS ON WHY THEY CHOSE "11."



KRAK

WHO **GIVES** A SHIT!

SPAWN GIVES TERRY HIS MOMENT.



IN PREVIOUS WARS, PART OF
TERRY'S JOB WAS TO READ
CODES. TO CRACK CIPHERS.



AND HE WAS
ALWAYS BETTER
AT IT WHEN HE
WAS ANGRY.
AND THIS ONE,
IF HE FOCUSES:

1...3...
7...



ELEVEN!

IT'S THE
SUM! IT'S WHAT
THE NUMBERS OF
PSALM 137 ADD
UP TO.



BELIEVER23:
THE ELEVENTH HOUR!!!!

RicoNasty:
What's that even mean?

Abbbba21:
Bunch of assholes saying
Psalms has come to NY. Been
flooding the threads all week

BELIEVER23:
HE IS HERE!!!!!!
THE KING EXALTED!

@dARKQueen:
Get off this thread

BELIEVER23:
Rally at The Exodus
Building. The
pageant begins!

RicoNasty:
Pageant?! Ha what are
u talking about, troll??

PsalmsIsReal:
U have to have a pageant
before the coronation
#EleventhHour

LimitFreedom:
You guys are insane

BELIEVER23:
#EleventhHour

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ELEVEN.

IN BIBLICAL TERMS, IT'S THE NUMBER THAT DENOTES: **CHAOS**. 11 PRIESTS WORKING IN CONGRESS AGAINST SPAWN. SOME STILL IN THE SHADOWS.

WE HAVE AN AGENT BELOW, IN THE STREETS. WHEN SPAWN ARRIVES, OUR FIRST WAVE BEGINS.

THE PROTEST WILL SOON TURN TO RIOTS. CHAOS WILL ENSUE AND SPAWN WILL COME.

YOU THINK YOUR SHOW OF THEATRICALS WILL DRAW SPAWN TO THE THRONE?

THEATRICALS?



YOU
SWORE
TO DESTROY
SIMMONS! YOU
FAILED!



LIKE ALL
OF YOU ON THIS
COURT, YOU'VE
FAILED!



**NO
MORE!**



HE'S
ONE MAN, AND
NONE OF YOU
CAN DESTROY
HIM!



AZREAL!
THAT'S
ENOUGH!



I DECIDE
WHAT'S
ENOUGH!

HE PUSHES
MAMMON
ONTO THE
GODTHRONE.



YOU,
MAMMON,
YOU WERE A
TRAITOR TO
HEAVEN!



AND A FAILURE
TO HELL! I WILL
FORGIVE YOUR
TRESPASSES.

BUT NOT
UNTIL YOU FEEL PAIN
FROM SOULS OF THE
NEXT WORLD!



YOU ARE
THE COURT OF
PRIESTS--ACT
LIKE IT!

THEIR LEADER, THE ONE CALLED
'BLACK AZREAL' WANTS THE OTHERS TO
UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF HIS
MESSAGE. HAVING THEM WATCH MAMMON'S
PUNISHMENT WILL DRIVE THAT POINT HOME.

COME, ALL OF
YOU! OUR LEADER
COMMANDS WE FIND
SPAWN AND DELIVER
HIM TO HIS THRONE.

ONE OF
YOU TEND TO
MAMMON'S
WOUNDS.

AS RAIN POURS, SPAWN AND TERRY SHADOW A LONE SOLDIER OF EXODUS AS HE TRIES TO DISAPPEAR INTO THE GATHERED MOB.

THAT PROTEST IT LOOKS JUST LIKE...

I KNOW.



SPAWN CUTS TERRY OFF. BOTH MEN HAVE RELIVED THIS SCENE, OVER AND OVER AGAIN, FOR YEARS! THEY'VE WATCHED IT ON SURVEILLANCE TAPE HUNDREDS OF TIMES LOOKING FOR ANY CLUES.

WHAT IS THE SCENE THEY'RE CONFRONTING?

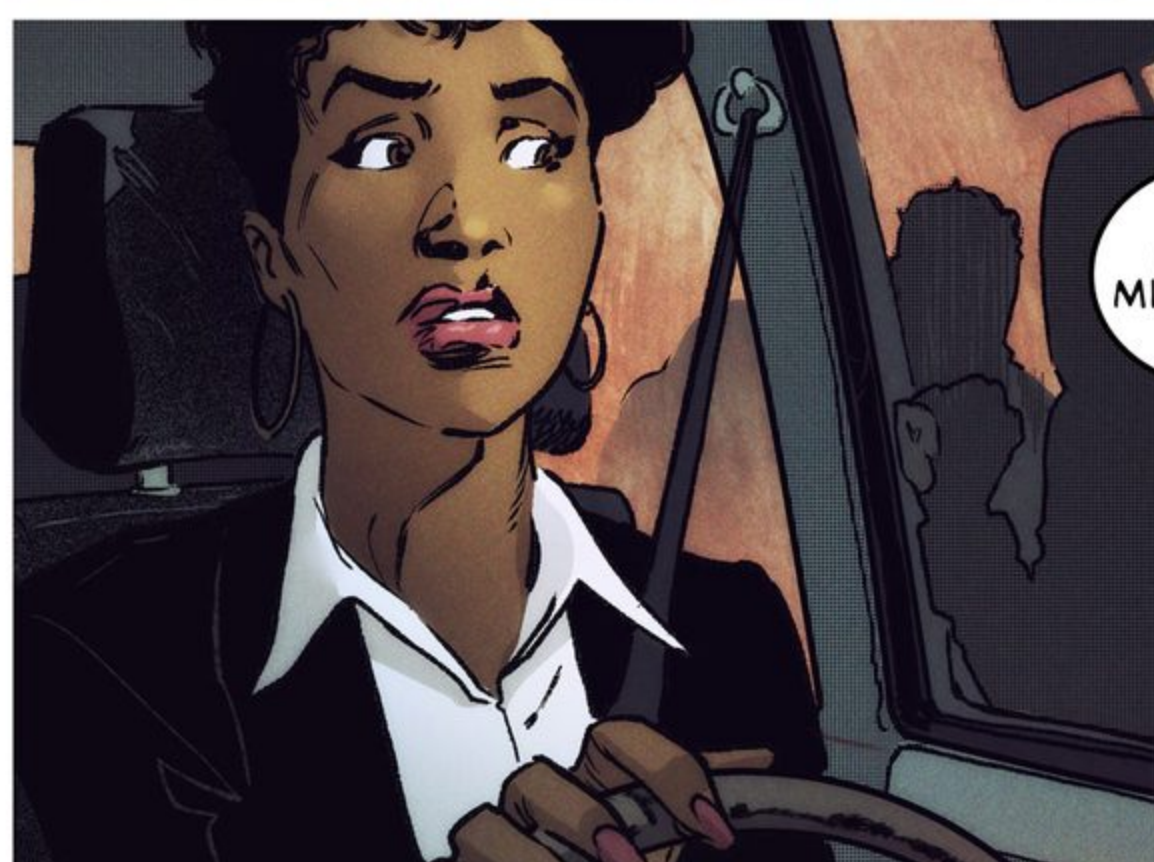
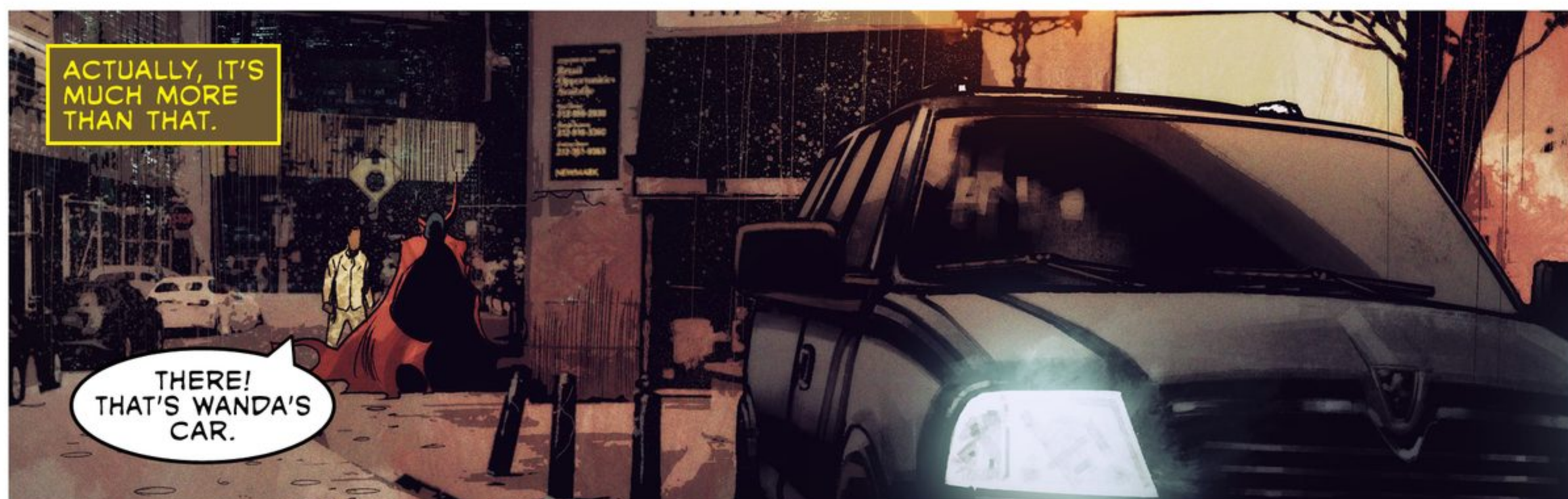
THE LOCATION MAY BE EXODUS TOWER, BUT THE VISUALS LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THEY DID TWO YEARS AGO ON MARCH ELEVENTH. THE DAY WANDA BLAKE DIED.

THEY'RE PLAYING MIND GAMES.

THEY'RE LIARS.

EVEN GOD!*

*See Spawn: Resurrection #1 -- Thomas





A SAD EXAMPLE
OF BEING AT THE
WRONG PLACE AT
THE WRONG TIME.



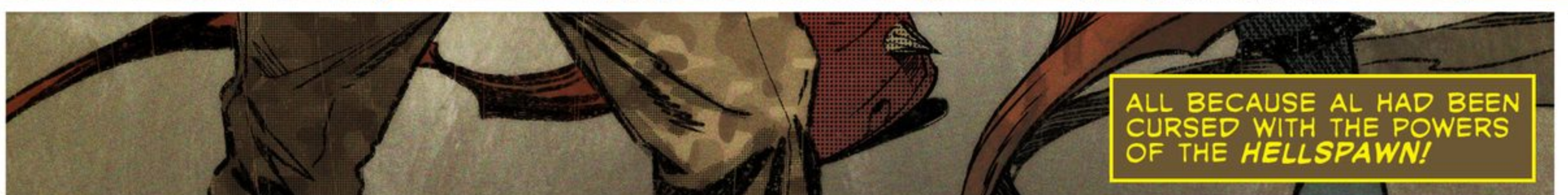
SPAWN NOW KNOWS IT WASN'T
AN ACCIDENT. HER DEATH
WAS PLANNED, AND LIKE THE
RECENT SCHOOL BOMBING THAT
KILLED SO MANY CHILDREN...



...IT WAS EXECUTED
MERELY TO GARNER
SPAWN'S ATTENTION.

BECAUSE, FROM THE
MOMENT AL DIED.
FROM THE VERY
SECOND HE TRADED
HIS SOUL, AL KNEW.

HE KNEW THAT HIS
WIFE, THE LOVE OF HIS
LIFE, WAS **DESTINED**
TO DIE LIKE THIS.



ALL BECAUSE AL HAD BEEN
CURSED WITH THE POWERS
OF THE **HELLSPAWN!**



NOT WILLING TO WATCH HER
DEATH PLAY OUT AGAIN,
SPAWN LASHES OUT VIOLENTLY.



EVEN WITH THAT DISPLAY,
THOUGH, SPAWN IS
REMINDING ONCE AGAIN.



THAT FOR ALL
HIS VICTORIES,
ALL HIS POWER,
HE'S INCAPABLE
OF CHANGING
THE PAST.



IMPOTENT TO
PREVENT A
REPLAY OF HIS
GREATEST LOSS.



YOU MUST
BE ASKING; WHO
WOULD DARE DO
THIS TO HER?

IT WAS US;
WE PLOTTED YOUR
WIFE'S DEATH. ALL FOR THE
PURPOSE OF BRINGING YOU TO
THIS MOMENT. TO THE BEGINNING OF
YOUR CORONATION, YOUR **ASCENT**,
TO BECOME SOMETHING
MORE THAN A **MERE**
HELLSPAWN!

AND SOON
YOU'LL RULE NOT
ONLY THIS WORLD, BUT YOU
WILL **LORD OVER** OTHER
WORLDS YOU'VE YET
TO IMAGINE!

AS FIRES BURN IN THE STREETS OF AN EARTH WE KNOW, THE PHRASE '**OTHER WORLDS**' WILL SOON BECOME A VISION UNDERSTOOD BY ALL OF THEM!

SNOW HAS COVERED THIS WORLD CALLED "THE GREEN". A PLACE, OF WHICH, WE ONLY DREAM.

NOT LONG AGO THIS PLACE, IT BEGAN DYING. SHOWING A WEAKNESS, ONE THAT THE ORACLE WOULD NEVER SHARE WITH SPAWN.

BUT SIMON SEES IT. AND IT'S NOT THE ONLY THING THE ORACLE IS SHOWING OUR BOY.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SEEING?

THEY'RE TRYING TO HURT, MR. SPAWN.

THEY'RE TRYING TO BREAK HIM SO THEY CAN USE HIM. BUT THAT HAS ANGERED SOMEONE NONE OF US WANT TO SEE GET MAD.

IS IT THAT PERSON YOU TALKED ABOUT, GAIA?

YES, AND SHE CAN MAKE EVERYTHING DIE IF SHE WANTS. THAT'S WHY WINTER HAS COME TO THIS PLACE.

WHY WOULD SHE DO THAT?

BECAUSE SHE'S DYING, TOO.

LIKE MR. SPAWN'S WIFE?

JUST LIKE THAT.



GLAD I'M SAFE HERE.

YOU'RE NOT!

YOU WEREN'T BROUGHT HERE TO BE SAFE, YOU'RE DEAD ALREADY!



STOP!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

A RITUAL HAS BEGUN, A SOLSTICE FOR "THE GREEN". ONE THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST... BEFORE THERE WAS A HEAVEN. BEFORE THERE WAS A HELL.

CAUGHT IN SOME ODD TRANCE, THE ORACLE BRIEFLY PAUSES AS SHE HEARS A WHISPER.

ORACLE...



THE WHISPER OF HER MASTER CALLING.



FLAMES
COME
ALIVE.

MASTER,
GAIA?

I LISTEN
FOR YOUR
COMMANDS.



THE GROUND TREMBLES
AS FLAME BURSTS APART
IN THE POND BEFORE HER.



THEY HAVE
STARTED THEIR
WAR, ONE I TOLD THEM
NEVER TO BEGIN, BUT
THEY'VE DEFIED ME ONCE
MORE! BUILDING THEIR
THRONE, THINKING THEIR
NEW KING WILL BECOME
MY EQUAL AS THEY
CONSPIRE BY JOINING
TOGETHER.

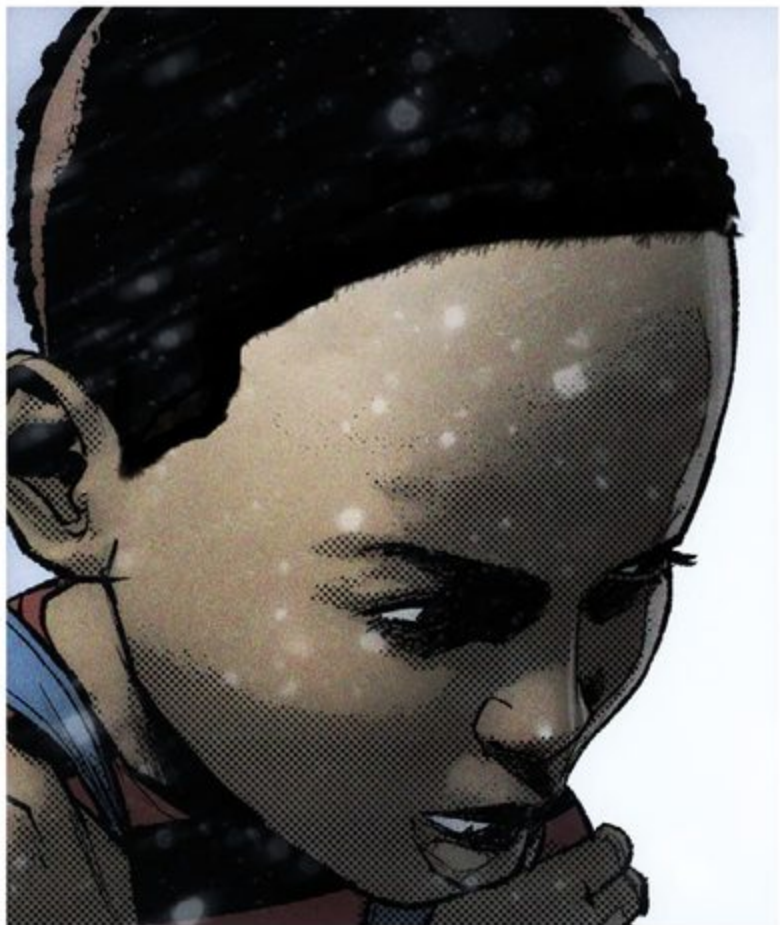
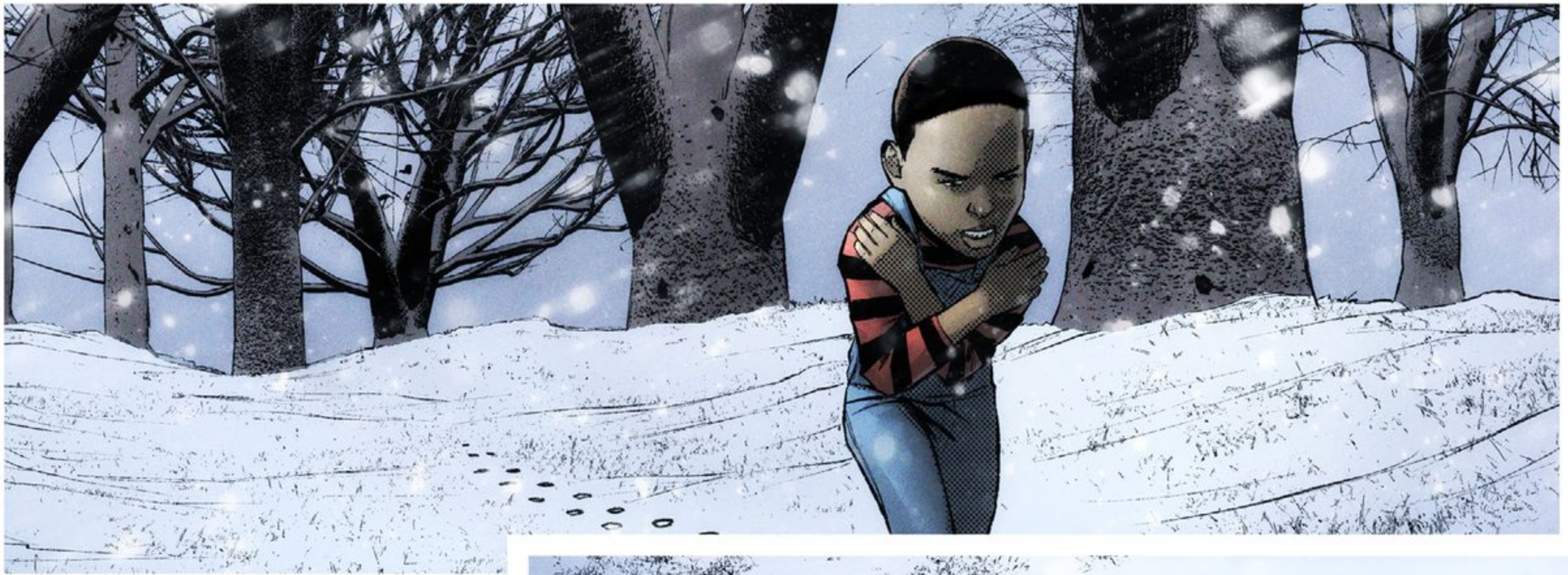
THEIR
LEADER
A SINGLE-
WINGED ANGEL
THAT'S GONE
INSANE.

MY PRIORITY
MUST NOW BE THE
SAFETY OF THE BOY.
SURVIVAL RESTS WITH HIM
AND HIS WELL-BEING. SO,
FOR YOUR SAKE, AND
EVERYONE ELSE'S, TREAT
THAT CHILD LIKE YOU
HAD BIRTHED HIM
YOURSELF.

AM I
UNDERSTOOD,
ORACLE?



YES, MY
LORD.





THE HULKING GIANT LEANS FORWARD, A MONSTROUS **HEAP** COMPOSED OF NATURE'S DISCARDS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF AL HAD KNOWN WHAT THE BOY WAS TO BECOME, HE MIGHT HAVE **KILLED** THE CHILD HIMSELF.

I AM YOUR
TEACHER.

AND YOU
ARE SIMON, **THE
KINGSLAYER.**



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

THE BREAKDOWN

WHAT THEY WANTED YOU TO BELIEVE...

In the issue you just finished reading, the events that lead to the death of Wanda Blake are laid bare. However, some of you Spawn faithful may remember it presented a different way back in 2015. Reprinted here is the version of the story that Al was told in Spawn: Resurrection.



It was one bad turn. Wanda was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Emotions were high that night. Everywhere on the streets it was chaotic. Rage took over because certain groups brought their own agitators.



And thousands of you ask the same question you always do: how could I, God, let this happen? They wonder... where's my compassion? My grace at that moment?





*It was one wrong turn,
Al. Just one turn.*

*But someone was pulling
the strings-- someone who
was taking advantage of
the fact you were gone.*

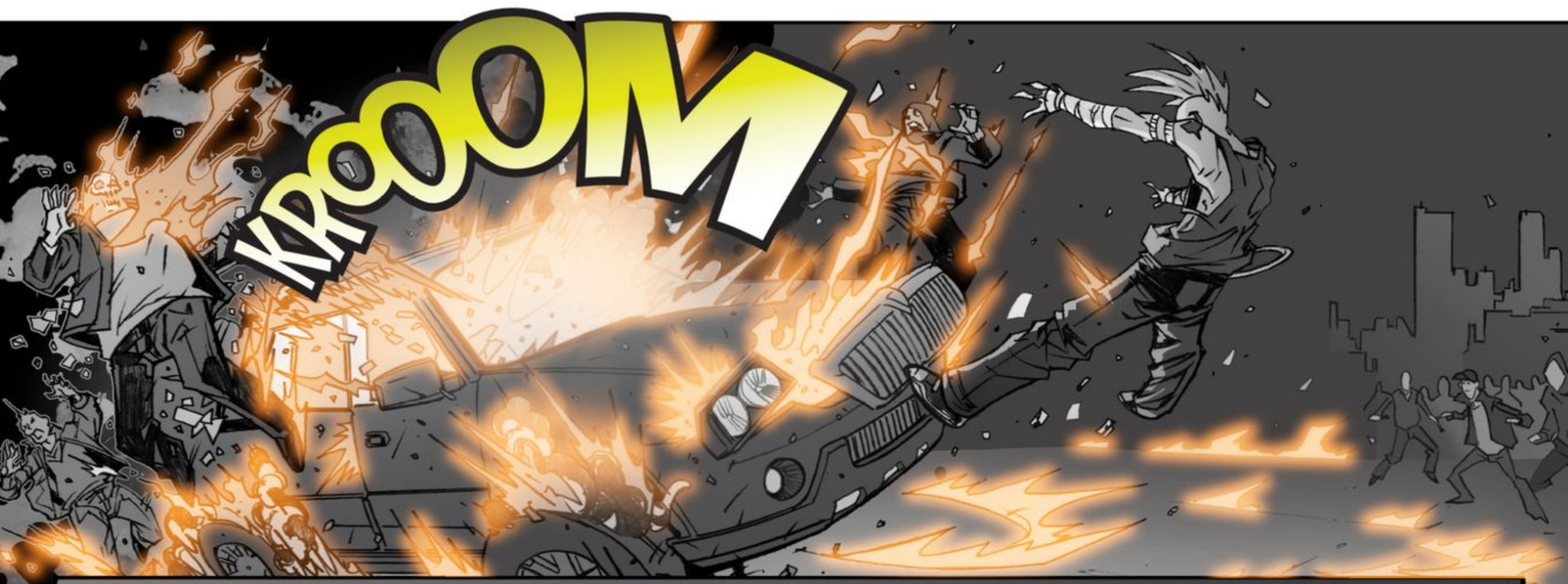
*And somebody--
somewhere--
will benefit from
this particular end.*

"Why?"

When I took on King Spawn, that was a question I kept asking. Why does Al do the things he does? Why does he keep going when he loses his whole purpose for being Spawn and why would Wanda die the way she did. And it hit me, it was a plan. Almost a decade in the making. The one way Spawn's enemies could truly get at him and make him vulnerable would be to kill Wanda. Over and over again. To make Spawn realize that what he took as the truth (from the mouth of God, no less) was not the truth. When I threw the idea out there, it garnered some excitement and then I mentioned to Javi- what if we echoed the panels from Spawn Resurrection? The publication date of that book was March 11 and 11 is the number of chaos in the bible. Wanda's death brings Al chaos. But the possibility her death isn't what he even thinks... that could bring so much more.

#EleventhHour

-- Sean Lewis



"Spawn: Resurrection"

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THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
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